

Chapter 2 **Concept of Operations**

2.1. **MISSION.** The DTOS provides an expedient tactical operations and communications platform for first responders where there are no available facilities or communications to support response operations. DTOS is designed to meet response requirements for natural or manmade disasters (CONUS and OCONUS), humanitarian assistance, military contingencies, and special non-disaster command requirements.

2.2. **DOCTRINE.** Deployment of the DTOS allows the establishment of a forward command and control platform with the capability to communicate with USACE headquarters, divisions, and districts, ESF #3, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other USACE staff in the disaster area. In the event of situations involving multiple states, the strategic locations of DTOS assets allows USACE to extend its area of operations to meet contingency requirements.

2.3. **ORGANIZATION.** The Chief, USACE Operations Center, is responsible for command and control of the DTOS program. A four-person DTOS Management Team, supervised by the Readiness Support Center (RSC), develops operational plans, provides training for other USACE staff, and manages operation, maintenance, and deployment of DTOS assets and team members.

2.4. **COMMAND AND CONTROL (C2).** The Commander, USACE, controls the deployment of DTOS assets. DTOS support is requested through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations Center (UOC) and coordinated through the RSC and DTOS Management Team. The Division commander to whom the equipment is assigned during periods when the equipment is not deployed is responsible for system care and maintenance. On order from the UOC, the required equipment is deployed to the disaster site.

2.5. **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION.** The DTOS consists of four (4) different levels of support: (1) the Deployable Tactical Operations Center (DTOC); (2) the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV); (3) the Containerized Tactical Operations Center (CTOC); and, (4) the Fly-Away Kit (FAK). The DTOS-assets are strategically located to provide timely tactical support for CONUS and OCONUS emergency response operations. Refer to the glossary for detailed descriptions of the above equipment.